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Mr. Roger Klodt  
Randolph Township  
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Randolph, Ohio 44265

Dear Mr. Klodt:

Thank you for writing to share your concerns about hydraulic fracturing. Please be assured that I share your commitment to protecting Ohio's land and water.

The Ohio Department of Natural Resources' Division of Oil and Gas Resources Management is responsible for regulating the permitting, drilling and production of Ohio's oil and natural gas resources. For more than 45 years, their staff has effectively regulated oil and gas production in this state.

A number of your comments focused on hydraulic fracturing, which has been used in Ohio since the 1950s. Unfortunately, the public has been inundated with misinformation and conflicting expert opinions regarding the practice of hydraulic fracturing. I'd like to share an important Ohio fact with you—more than 80,000 wells have been hydraulically fractured in Ohio without one incident of groundwater contamination.

To further protect groundwater during well construction, all critical aspects are monitored closely by division inspection staff. A properly constructed well; the use and testing of well control devices; and isolating hydraulic fracturing fluids by proper containment all minimize the potential for adverse impacts. Last year, the State Review of Oil and Natural Gas Environmental Programs published a report which found that Ohio's program overall is well managed and has a strong enforcement system.

I encourage you to visit the department's Shale Development Web page located at [www.ohiodnr.com](http://www.ohiodnr.com) by clicking the Shale Development link on the upper left hand corner of the page. The Web page features a variety of fact sheets and links related to shale development, Ohio's regulatory framework and related issues. Protecting Ohio's environment is the mission of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. Whether oil and gas exploration occurs on public or private lands, the department is prepared to continue its role of ensuring responsible minerals extraction.

Thank you again for taking the time to write, and please feel free to contact my office in the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "John R. Kasich", is written over the word "Sincerely," and the printed name "John R. Kasich".

John R. Kasich  
Governor

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